

SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY
PUBLIC WORKSHOP
BURNEY, CA
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PROGRAM GUIDELINES
QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

1. Are the program areas prioritized? Numbers one to seven?
2. **Regarding Program Guidelines, page 6, "Provide Increased Opportunities for Tourism and Recreation": The promotion of ecotourism and arts tourism, can you define those terms?** I think of arts as painting, is this in a broader sense?
3. Most working landscape incentives appear to be around conservation easements and tourism. What other opportunities could help a working landscape stay that way?
4. **Regarding Program Guidelines, page 16, "Project Submission": It says that staff will consult with applicants, "Federal agencies" seem to be missing. If work would occur on or have an effect on federal land, would SNC consult?** Or if work would have an effect on a federally listed species?
5. So you would see yourselves as a facilitator. For example, you could go to a conservation group and help them with easements? Can SNC hold easements?

GRANT GUIDELINES
QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

1. In regards to a "user-friendly" application, you're hoping to have a chance for those applying to have a dry run before the application period. **Will there be an opportunity for input on the application?**
2. **Will grant applications be computerized?**
3. **Will there be different times throughout the year to apply? Will it just be one time per year?**
4. Regarding Grant Guidelines, page 1, "Introduction": So whether an application is for a Strategic Opportunity Grant (SOG) or a Competitive Grant, the ultimate test is this language?
5. Regarding Grant Guidelines, page 2, "Eligible Projects": So anyone will be eligible to apply for these grants, correct? How about Pacific Gas and Electric? Not a big corporation?
6. **Regarding Grant Guidelines, page 11, "Strategic Opportunity Grants," bullets 1 and 2:** It looks like SNC is trying to distinguish types of SOG projects from others. **If a project fits under a Competitive Grant, but you have time constraints, would it be possible go for a SOG?**
7. **Are non-profits just a 501(c)(3) charitable?** How about a (4) or (5)?

8. Where is that verbage you just referred to? (Regarding the definition of non-profits).
9. **The allocation of SOGs needs clarification.**
10. Comment from Bob Kirkwood, SNC Board Member: The SNC Board wouldn't want to go through the annual process and award a one-million-dollar grant, and then the grantee doesn't have control of the land.
11. When SNC is looking at a project, part of the project is how maintenance will be done or funded. This is a big recurring problem.
12. **Comment from Bob Kirkwood, SNC Board Member: We will also look at the "context" of the project. For example, we don't want to fund an easement if the county is going to approve a ski resort next to it. Need to include surroundings, as in the Program Guidelines.**
13. **So SNC would require a letter of intent before the formal review of a SOG?**
14. When will SOGs be available if funding happens in July?
15. **Comment from Bob Kirkwood, SNC Board Member: SOGs will be approved at any of the five Board meetings, unless we delegate authority to the Executive Officer, Jim Branham.**
16. Funds in the initial Grant Guidelines, are those all Prop. 84 dollars or is there more?
17. I have a general question regarding the criteria for the allocation of funds. The Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Commission got litigated regarding the distribution of grant money and everything is now on hold. If someone doesn't like this, would they be able to litigate and put a hold on funds too?

OTHER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

1. As SNC receives funding there will be guidelines attached to the source, so you have to be cognizant of what funds can be spent on.
2. \$928 million is going to all these other places/agencies? How is SNC's share being coordinated with them? **How can we find out where other Prop. 84 dollars are?**
3. We have a Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway. How does SNC interface with the scenic byways?
4. Regarding the Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway, we want to build kiosks, but don't know who's going to maintain them and clean them. How do you fund maintenance?
5. What are some of the projects that SNC has seen at these nineteen public workshops that people are interested in?
6. I'm not sure if I fit, except in recreation facilities. Small areas are having a hard time keeping pools open, and with so much water around it is important for kids to learn to swim here. Without a pool they probably won't learn.

7. Who determines what the California Department of Transportation has to do to mitigate something?
8. What is our subregion up here?
9. Will SNC be publishing application forms?
10. McCloud Railroad is abandoning eighty miles of line from Burney to McCloud. Save Burney Falls is interested in eight miles of it for a trail between Burney Falls and Burney. Everyone has been very positive. The railroad hasn't started taking up track yet.
11. State Route 89 going north will have a new bridge over Lake Britton near the Pacific Crest Trail. Save Burney Falls is interested in parking and public access at this location. Fruit Growers Supply and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) are landowners. We're working with the Shasta Land Trust, too.
12. USFS wants to continue with OHV route designation.

SUBREGIONAL ISSUES RAISED

1. Tourism/recreation
 - Rails to trails
 - OHV route designation
 - Scenic byways
2. Working landscapes
3. Maintenance
4. Water safety